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Haliburton Forest partners with Yours Outdoors

Yours Outdoors, an experiential tourism company founded by Barrie Martin in 2006, has partnered with Haliburton Forest to "provide and promote the very best tourism opportunities available in the Haliburton Highlands," the companies say.

Martin will join the tourism and recreation division of Haliburton Forest, alongside general manager Tegan Legge and operations manager Cameron Ferguson, a joint press release issued Oct. 8 states.

"The partnership between Haliburton Forest and Yours Outdoors is a business and a social mission all in one, to work with our stakeholders – and especially experience delivery staff – to grow the tourism economy of the Haliburton Highlands," Malcolm Cockwell, managing director of Haliburton Forest, said.

The companies say the partnership will help promote the area as a premiere tourist destination, broaden the range of services available to domestic and international markets and create business efficiencies, among other things.

Both companies have received awards from the Ontario Tourism Industry Association, each receiving the Sustainable Tourism Award and Martin being honoured as the Tourism Champion of the Year in 2016.

Yours Outdoors provides experiential tourism packages, taking customers on adventures around the county, participating in activities such as rockhounding, glassblowing, beer tasting, and snowshoeing. Haliburton Forest, situated on a 100,000-acre property, similarly features the Highlands' natural appeal with offerings such as wolf howls, treetop excursions, dogsledding, astronomy talks and fishing.

On Oct. 8, Haliburton Forest and Yours Outdoors announced the two companies would be partnering, with Yours Outdoors' Barrie Martin joining the Forest's tourism and recreation division. From left, Malcolm Cockwell, managing director, Haliburton Forest; Tegan Legge, general manager, tourism and recreation, Haliburton Forest; Cameron Ferguson, operations manager; Emily Stonehouse, co-manager, Yours Outdoors; Barrie Martin, founder and co-manager, Yours Outdoors. /Photo submitted

Emily Stonehouse, who most recently was economic development, destination and marketing officer for the Township of Minden Hills, will be co-manager of Yours Outdoors and will lead marketing and promotions for Haliburton Forest.

"Yours Outdoors will maintain its distinctive brand and products, will continue working independently with local tourism partners/providers and experience leaders, while working with Haliburton Forest to further develop authentic rural experiences," the press release says.

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Childhood in 1950s New York State: Minden resident pens memoir

JENN WATT

County Life Editor

For about a decade Kathy Lawton Purc would jot down memories from her childhood growing up on a small farm in New York State. They were like puzzle pieces, she says, scattered about and viewed through a child's perspective.

Then about a year and a half ago, with the encouragement of the Algonquin Highlands Writers' Circle she decided she would "give it a go at publishing it" and began writing in earnest.

The result of her labour is a self-published memoir, *Stone House Stories: The Memoir of a Free-Range Kid*, completed during the pandemic and available for purchase online.

"By doing this, I got to see a bigger picture of who my parents were just by going back through these memories. I grew up in the 1950s, so [I got to see] how culture, society at the time affected my search for identity and where I belonged in the world," said Purc, who moved to Minden in 1989 after marrying her husband, dentist John Purc.

Her "free range" childhood was a product of the era, one that had fewer restrictions and less supervision, but also one with its share of struggles.

"I grew up on a small farm, but there were larger farms around me and it was a dairy farming area in central New York State in the Finger Lakes region and there were no seatbelts, there were no helmets. Not that we couldn't have used them, because there were lots of accidents," Purc said. "... We were given certain boundaries, we had woods we could go into and explore. Our parents didn't know where we were half the time – they did when we were small – our range expanded into the woods, into the fields, into the ponds and the brooks. … We were pretty much on our own during the daytime and we managed to get into lots of trouble," she laughed.

But alongside the freedom of the 1950s for young people was the frightening prospect of nuclear war with Soviet Russia, with school children taught to "duck and cover" under their desks, and shown films of the aftermath of atomic blasts.

"We were inundated with information about what happens in an atomic blast," said Purc. "A lot of people were putting bomb shelters in their backyards. It was kind of a scary time. In school, … we would get an alarm over the PA system and we would have to duck under our desks to prepare in case we had an atomic blast coming at us and then we had to line up in the hallways and cover our heads."

Minden resident Kathy Lawton Purc recently published a memoir of her childhood growing up in New York State in the 1950s called *Stone House Stories, The Memoir of a Free-Range Kid*. /Photo courtesy of Kathy Lawton Purc

The efforts made little sense to Purc, since the films of atomic bombs showed everything being vaporized; what good would going under one's desk do?

The impact of living through that time must have affected her generation, she said, introducing an element of instability and fear where none was before.

"At that age, you've no control [over what happens] and you realize your parents don't have any control and they've been keeping you safe up until this point, but you realize that they can't do that for you in this instance, so it's kind of an awakening as to how powerless and how little control we can have over our lives at times," she said.

Her parents did not overreact to the threat – no bomb shelters were built at her farm – and Purc said she took her parents' cues on how to proceed.

One of four kids, two boys and two girls, Purc's book focuses primarily on the years between age four and 11, highlighting the kinds of antics and conflicts kids can have. Born on the same day as her sister, six years apart, she said she was set up from day one for sibling rivalry. And although there was conflict in youth, she and her sister became the best of friends in later life.

The inspiration to write a memoir came from Purc's research on her ancestry and the gaps the official documents she discovered left in her understanding of the lives of family members now long gone.

"I don't have any really first-hand stories about my family, my ancestors. I wanted to leave something for my children and my grandchildren and my great-grandchildren and whoever comes after," she said.

She has four children, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild, all of whom live in the States.

Purc wonders whether she would have ended up writing her memoir had she stayed in the U.S. all those years ago. Writing resources available in Haliburton County were instrumental in the creation of the book, from workshops to writers' circles. A connection she made with Sheryl Loucks, who formerly ran the R.D. Lawrence Centre (now Nature's Place) that at one time focused on literary arts, was useful in the completion of *Stone House Stories*. Loucks assisted with editing and the pair met a couple of times to go over the structure and substance of the book.

Once the writing was complete, the document was sent off to a self-publishing company in Arizona, which handled the design and distribution as well as some additional editing.

Although the coronavirus pandemic sidelined some of the plans for the memoir's launch, Purc said it also provided her the time to get the work done with the publisher.

"It got me through. The whole process was intense and it got me through this whole COVID thing intact," she said.

Stone House Stories: The Memoir of a Free-Range Kid by Kathy Lawton Purc is available on Amazon.ca and ChaptersIndigo.ca in both paperback and e-book formats. She will also be donating copies to the library and is planning to get in touch with area bookstores to have copies on hand.

"I wanted to write a book that I'd like to read," Purc said. "...I've had comments that readers have been entertained, they've been educated, I've made them laugh and I've made them cry. And that's my definition of a good book."

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How to inspect and maintain vehicle belts

Responsible vehicle ownership involves taking inventory of the automobile and ensuring it is working at peak capacity. Hundreds of parts work together to keep vehicles on the road, but quite often drivers do not look under the hood until something is amiss.

Routine maintenance is widely acknowledged as a critical component of responsible vehicle ownership, but many motorists may not know how to care for their cars. Belts are one example of components that are integral to efficient, well-running vehicles. The automotive resource iDriveSafely.com indicates that belts are some of the most crucial moving parts in the engine. Belts transmit power between shafts, and all belts, from serpentine belts to V-belts to timing belts, serve important functions.

- Serpentine belt: Firestone¨ Complete Auto Care says a serpentine belt is a long, snaking, winding belt that keeps parts such as the water pump, alternator, power steering pump, and air conditioning running smoothly. Serpentine belts transport power to automotive accessories. A failing serpentine belt can cause enormous and expensive headaches, including overheating and loss of steering power.
- V-belts: Also known as drive belts, these are usually found in older vehicles. Unlike serpentine belts, which run through various parts, V-belts run through one or two accessories. Older cars with many bells and whistles will have multiple V-belts, and should one break, it may not cause as much of an issue as if a serpentine belt were to falter.
- Timing belt: Advance Auto Parts says that most cars have interference engines in which the clearance between moving parts is so small that they can end up bumping into each other if they're not running on the same timing as one another. That is where the timing belt comes into play. It connects the crankshaft to the camshaft, helping them stay in sync. Failing to pay attention to a timing belt can result in an expensive engine repair.

Belts have finite service lives, and heat and wear and tear are usually their nemeses. It is important to look for fraying or cracking of belts. Even belts that look new may have worn out grooves that lose their grips on matching pulley grooves. Mechanics often use special gauges to check belts.

Belts also may need to be replaced due to oil or grease contamination that can damage the rubber or synthetic rubber. It is important to check the owner's manual and seek advice from a qualified mechanic about when belts should be serviced.

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How to effectively and safely sanitize a car

The COVID-19 pandemic changed the way people live. One readily felt effect was spending more time at home. Vehicles sat idle in driveways and some automotive insurance providers reduced rates because people were driving much less.

Even with stay-at-home measures in place, people still need to leave their homes to stock up on essentials, such as food or medicine. In other cases, people may have been essential workers who drive for a living, including delivery drivers or health care personnel who were incapable of working from home.

Any time a person goes out in public, he or she runs the risk of contracting viruses. Bacteria and germs may reside on various surfaces, including those inside vehicles.

People want to protect themselves and now are more aware of the importance of frequently cleaning and sanitizing their cars. Keeping a vehicle safe to drive without affecting its upholstery or electronic components is paramount.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention makes a distinction between cleaning and disinfecting. Cleaning refers to the removal of germs, dirt and impurities from surfaces. It does not kill germs, but can lower their numbers. Disinfecting refers to using chemicals to kill germs on surfaces. The following are some ways to deeply clean and sanitize a car.

• Wash hands. First and foremost, it is crucial to wash your hands before and after using the car. This can reduce the likelihood of growing ill because of transferred viruses or bacteria.

• Use rubbing alcohol. Solutions that contain 70 percent alcohol are effective against many viruses and bacteria, including coronaviruses, says the CDC. Furthermore, Jeff Stout, Executive Director of Global Innovation at Yanfeng Automotive Interiors, says that, for the most part, nearly every interior surface of a vehicle can be cleaned with isopropyl alcohol. Plastic to painted chrome to imitation leather have been tested to ensure they don't degrade when exposed to pure isopropyl alcohol.

• Avoid bleach or hydrogen peroxide. While bleach and peroxide are very effective cleaners and sanitizers, they are likely to damage a car's upholstery, according to Consumer Reports.

• Use soap and water: Experts say that vigorous washing with a soap-and-water solution can be effective against many contaminants because it breaks down the protective envelope that surrounds coronaviruses and other germs to disarm them. Friction also can help to break down germ cells during cleaning.

"You want to do the best with what you have, so even soap and water can chip away at the risk," says Stephen Thomas, M.D., Chief of Infectious Diseases and Director of Global Health at Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, NY.

• Address frequently touched surfaces. Pay attention to the steering wheel, door handles, buttons, touchscreen displays, shift lever, and more when sanitizing. Each of these items can harbor germs.

Deep-cleaning a vehicle has become a necessity since COVID-19 emerged. Frequently cleaning and sanitizing can help make vehicles safer to operate.

Tire maintenance keeps drivers safe

Maintaining tires is an important component of safe driving. Tires are some of the hardest working parts on a car or truck and are subjected to wear and tear every time rubber meets the road.

Tires affect many components of driving, including handling, braking and the comfort of the ride. Maintaining tires makes driving safe not only for drivers and their passengers, but also for fellow motorists.

Poor tire maintenance can lead to premature wear and potentially result in a blowout. It is important to visually inspect tires as often as possible. Drivers should look for overall tread wear. Pay special attention to tread wear on one edge of the tires, which could indicate poor alignment. Erratic tread wear may mean tires are out of balance.

Drivers also should pay attention to how their cars drive and sound. Unusual vibration or thumping noises suggest issues with the tires. A car that pulls in one direction also may be experiencing tire problems.

Vehicle owners should be aware of the routine maintenance steps that can keep them safe and improve the life expectancy of tires.

• Tire pressure: Keeping tires properly inflated is one of the most important steps to maintaining them. Tires lose around 1 psi per month, and underinflated or overinflated tires can contribute to unusual wear, blowouts and even excessive fuel consumption.

• Rotation: Check the owner's manual or recommendations from the tire manufacturer, but know that most mechanics advise having tires rotated every 5,000 to 8,000 miles. Rotation helps distribute wear more evenly on tires.

• Balancing: Balancing also helps minimize uneven wear and tear. Balanced tires are achieved by using small weights attached to the wheels to limit vibration of the tire and wheels as they turn. New tires should be balanced, and tires also should be balanced after one or more is removed to repair a puncture.

• Alignment: Vehicles have wheel alignment measurements that pertain to manufacturers' specifications. Alignment that falls outside of the range can impact handling, fuel economy and tread wear. A drift or pull suggests alignment problems and should be addressed.

Vehicle owners should keep tire inspection and maintenance in mind as part of their overall car care plan.

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Bubbles are a bust

RIGHT FROM the first week that we were told to create bubbles where those 10 people closest to us could safely meet, hug and spend time together, I have had my trepidations.

Unless a person is living a very quiet life on their own and barely sees anyone, it is, in practical terms, very difficult to create a bubble of just 10 people. Each of those people has in-laws and friends and before you know it, your bubble of 10 is actually a bubble of 30 or more. Some could not grasp that you could not be in more than one bubble at a time.

CHRIS DROST
Editorial

So far, I have not witnessed anyone who has been able to successfully create a safe bubble. There is always someone who ventures out with friends or can't stop themselves from visiting with their extended family.

Bubbles are a bust.

That means that stopping this second wave in its tracks means going back to what we did in the beginning. I know that back in March, myself, like many, stayed at home for weeks. I finally had to take the car out for a spin to the highway and back because it had not been moved in over three weeks.

Remember the days when you did go out and there was hardly a car on the highway? Well, we need to go back to that for the next few weeks. You know what they say, "short term pain for long term gain."

I have always said that we Canadians should incorporate a period of hibernation into our lifestyle to make the winter pass a little more easily. Maybe instead of bubbles, the government should impose a period of hibernation for us all. Cozy up at home in front of the fire. Make soup. Bake bread. Take a walk. Clean out those cupboards that have been neglected. Get those jigsaw puzzles out you never finished last spring and have another go at them.

It is sad to think that my favourite holiday, Thanksgiving, was not the large indoor gathering of family and friends around our long table with a turkey, made-from-scratch pumpkin pies and all the trimmings. Instead, we did our best. An inside gathering was out, but I was still hopeful we could at the very least manage a bonfire with COVID-19 protocols in effect, if Mother Nature cooperated.

Before we know it, a year will have passed since this virus took over our lives, our businesses and our entire economy. We only have to look to the south to see what can happen when people are left to their own devices. Although it seems all too soon to have to go back to the measures needed to flatten the curve again, I don't think anyone wants to see what will happen if we do not.

At least with this second wave we have a better understanding of how the virus spreads and there is hope that a vaccine may be available as early as some time next year.

In the meantime, as they say in this neck of the woods, "hunker down."

Top 10 reasons why people shouldn't sing in public places

LATELY, I'VE caught several people, who are not what you'd call classically trained musicians, singing in public – which tells me this coronavirus is worse than we think. This has me worried. Because all that separates us from the animals is the fact that we don't find it socially acceptable to sing in public. Here are my top 10 reasons why:

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. No one wants to risk being responsible for another musical.
2. Face it: you never remember lyrics.
3. Everyone is a critic.
4. Ask yourself: is this the kind of world you want to leave to your kids?
5. Next thing you know, a sappy duet breaks out.
6. Some things should be saved for when you are alone, in a cave…. far away.
7. Ultra-sopranos.
8. Never enough cowbell.
9. It's just not the same without the pyrotechnics.
10. We don't need to give people another reason to start throwing things.

Surviving cold and flu season: avoiding illness and boosting your immunity

To the Editor,

When you are healthy and you are exposed to a viral illness, your immune system is equipped to fend off the virus so you have either no symptoms, or tolerable symptoms. When you are "run down" and exposed to the same virus, you run the risk of becoming ill enough to require hospitalization. Here are tips to avoid succumbing to this season's "common cold," influenza and COVID-19 viruses.

1. First, avoid exposing yourself. Malls, stores, banks, post office, restaurants are all high traffic places with high risk for exposure. Limit, or ideally, avoid public places.

Telephone orders, internet delivery and curbside pickup are options.

The flu is mainly spread by droplets in the air when someone with the flu talks, coughs, or sneezes.

2. Stay away from sick people. Urge others to stay home if unwell, just as you must do to prevent virus transmission if you have symptoms.

Viruses require a new human host to replicate and survive. If a virus cannot move to a new host then it dies. Did you know that if we all stayed away from each other for two weeks, then COVID-19 would die off that quickly? Pretty good reason to stay home, isn't it?

3. Wash, wash, wash your hands. COVID-19 can survive on skin for nine hours (11 hours if mixed with mucus and phlegm). Influenza A can last 1.8 hours (survival of SARS-CoV-2 and influenza virus on the human skin: Importance of hand hygiene in COVID-19: Clinical Infectious Diseases, 03 October 2020). Viruses can last even longer on inanimate surfaces. The National Institutes of Health published a study saying that the virus can last up to four hours on copper, 24 hours on cardboard, and 72 hours on stainless steel (NIH, March 2020).

In the air, the virus can last for about three hours, the NIH said.

If you touch a surface with virus particles and then touch your eyes, nose or mouth, the virus has now entered your body.

4. Get vaccinated against influenza. Anyone at any age can get the flu. For some people the flu is mild, but for others it can be severe and even cause death.

Serious problems from the flu can happen to anyone, but people at higher risk include:

- Adults 65 years of age or older
- Children younger than five years of age
- Pregnant women
- People with certain conditions, such as asthma, diabetes, or heart disease.

The best way to avoid getting the flu is to get an influenza vaccine ("flu shot") every year. This also lowers your chances of having serious problems from the flu and of spreading it to others.

The flu vaccine stimulates your immune system – your body's defence system – to produce special substances and cells that can fight the flu virus. (The vaccine does NOT cause the flu or increase your risk of getting the flu or other illnesses, such as COVID-19.)

Getting the flu virus can make it easier for you to get other viruses and illnesses. Getting the flu vaccine can help keep you and your lungs healthy. This can be especially important if you're exposed to COVID-19.

Anyone exposed to COVID-19 while fighting the flu would be at higher risk of respiratory complications. It is your responsibility to decrease your risk of hospitalization from influenza. Hospitalization exposes you to other illnesses such as COVID-19.

Flu Season and the COVID-19 Pandemic

When there is a viral pandemic, like the coronavirus pandemic, it is more important than ever to get the flu vaccine.

The flu vaccine can help keep you from getting sick and going to the hospital, an important consideration during a coronavirus pandemic. You'll want to do everything you can to keep yourself and those around you healthy and avoid situations that may expose you to the coronavirus. It is also possible that our hospitals and health resources will not be able to support the volume of patients when COVID-19 is circulating, and so getting an available vaccination is just sensible.

5. Immune boosters:

- No smoking
- No alcohol
- Daily exercise
- Daily belly laugh
- Eight hours sleep
- Honey, ginger, zinc, vitamin C, fresh fruits and vegetables, berries, echinacea

Each one of us is in charge of our own behaviour, which influences our personal health and therefore the health of our family and community. Isn't it empowering to know you can have control over the spread of illness as well as the severity of potential illness?

Dr. Nell Thomas
Minden Hills

Looking for indoor pandemic-friendly exercise?

The Highlands Squash Club is the perfect place to get some exercise, with others in your immediate family or bubble. In an effort to support members of the community who wish to get COVID-safe, indoor exercise during the cold and slippery winter days ahead the club is offering a six-month trial family membership for $250. This membership covers anyone living in the same residence.

The membership also entitles the members to unlimited use of the courts, at any time of the day or night, through the use of a personal access code. Simple pandemic-friendly procedures are in place to protect the members. The building is a two-court facility with a small number of users and limited facilities. As such you are unlikely to encounter others in the building at the same time. Members are asked to clean the few high contact surfaces before, and after playing.

"Squash is appropriate for any age and is easy to learn," says Don Gage. "What a great way to get the young ones, not to mention the adults, away from their computer games."

Anyone who is feeling the stress of the COVID-19 pandemic, or anything else for that matter, will find that squash is an excellent stress reliever.

Squash is considered to be an excellent form of cardiovascular exercise as well as a means of improving coordination, strength and agility. The competitive nature of the game keeps you motivated and eager to return.

Under normal circumstances the club offers open houses for new members to learn the game from the more experienced members. In our COVID-19 world there will be a need to pre-arrange private coaching from an experienced player. The coach can safely provide guidance from the observation level of the court on the second level of the building. This far exceeds the two-metre distance required for COVID-19 safety.

The Squash Club is a little known recreational gem located in Haliburton Village beside the arena and across from the skateboard park. For membership information contact Dave Howe at info@mysquash.ca.

Submitted by the Highlands Squash Club

This otter takes a rest on the shore in Algonquin Highlands. /Submitted by Tammy Nash

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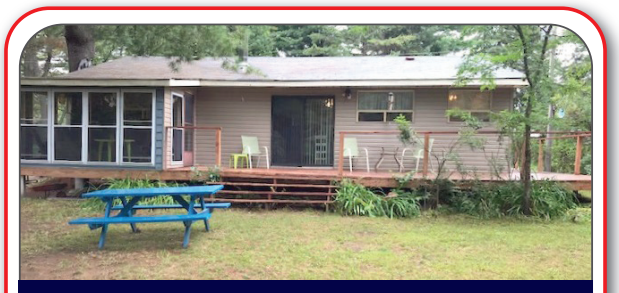

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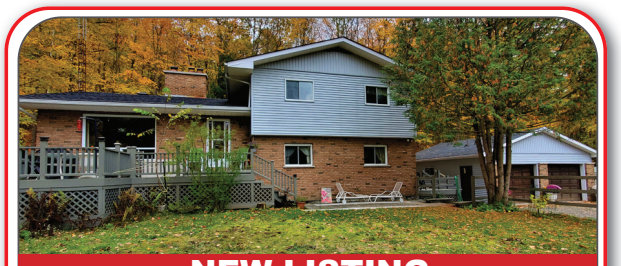

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Health unit launches new COVID-19 data dashboard

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County Life Staff

A new way to deliver data has been launched on the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit website. The health unit had been receiving requests from residents to present the data in a different format, according to Dr. Lynn Noseworthy, the health unit's medical officer of health.

"People were asking for a more visual representation and pointed to a platform being used by other health units as an example," Noseworthy told *County Life*. "The health unit launched the new platform [earlier this month]. It is live for people to use but we are still refining the tool."

The dashboard is designed to provide the information in a more visual format that the health unit is hoping people will find easier to access. It does not release further information about confirmed cases, such as a breakdown of age/gender of confirmed cases per specific county, or in which towns the people diagnosed with COVID-19 live.

"The health unit is legally required to protect an individual's personal and personal health information when that information is in our custody or control," said Noseworthy. "That means we will not provide any information about confirmed cases that could potentially lead to that individual being identified, including their specific age, gender or place of residence."

The soft launch of the new data dashboard occurred last week.

"We appreciate any public feedback as we are still working on refining the product to help meet people's information needs," said Noseworthy.

Visit www.hkpr.on.ca to see the chart, which is updated daily.

Strong fall start for U-Links with 21 projects underway

U-Links has had an exciting start to the fall 2020 academic term, with a high number of community-based research projects matched with several departments at Trent University.

A total of 21 research projects involving 26 student researchers have been matched within Trent's biology, history, school of business, and school of the environment departments for the fall semester. One project was also matched to Fleming College's credit for product course.

The project cycle began with uncertainty due to the COVID-19 crisis, but research interest from community organizations, slight changes to project design, and the facilitation of low-risk essential student field placements within Haliburton County meant the project cycle was able to continue.

"We are thrilled that our community partners have continued to support us despite all of the uncertainties over the last few months, and that our staff team and management committee has demonstrated so much resiliency and creativity in adapting our services," said Amanda Duncombe-Lee, program coordinator.

Project topic areas include biodiversity monitoring with the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, the impacts of the Canada Emergency Response Benefit for job seekers for the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County Poverty Reduction Roundtable, and correlations between dental caries and diabetes in low income families for Haliburton County Volunteer Dental Outreach.

Approximately half of the projects were designed to be completed remotely, where students can access resources and attend meetings online from home or school, with the Community Benthos Biomonitoring Program projects requiring a combination of both fieldwork and remote instruction. All essential fieldwork was successfully completed by students and U-Links staff before the Thanksgiving weekend.

U-Links would like to sincerely thank all community hosts, students, and faculty for their time, commitment, and ongoing support for community-based research and student experiential learning. A special thank you goes out to all participating lake associations for stepping up to provide safe work environments and travel for students doing fieldwork on our beautiful lakes.

U-Links is currently accepting research project proposals for the winter academic term. Community organizations can contact Amanda Duncombe-Lee, program coordinator, at aduncombe-lee@ulinks.ca or call the office at 705-286-2411.

Submitted by U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research

Making sure hunt camp stays safe

STEVE GALEA

Special to County Life

Statistically speaking, hunting is a very safe sport. Firearms-related accidents in the field in Ontario are exceedingly rare thanks for the most part to our excellent and mandatory Ontario Hunter Education Program. This has not just taught hunters the best practices to stay safe, it has also instilled a culture of safety that they carry with them in the field.

Safety in the camp

Unfortunately, the place where most injuries occur is at camp itself. This is primarily because it is the place where most time is spent and the greatest concentration of people are. The good news is it is not difficult to make your camp a safer place where the likelihood of injury is minimized.

One way to do this is to set a few ground rules that every hunter must follow. These should include:

- No rough housing in the camp.
- If you have COVID-19 symptoms or potential exposure, stay at home.
- No smoking in the building or, if that's not preferred, no smoking in bed.
- Firearms must be unloaded before entering and placed in a locker or other safe location.
- If anyone has any medical conditions or allergies that others in camp should be aware of, make sure they are known. This includes instructions on what to do should a related emergency event, such as a seizure, allergic reaction, or heart issue, occur.
- No overindulgence in drugs or alcohol.
- No hunting if the effects of last night's partying are still evident.
- Keep pathways that are used in the dark to go to the washroom or outhouse free of trip hazards. Keep the common areas relatively tidy and obstruction free.
- Keep outside fires and deep fryers a safe location away from the buildings.
- Designate emergency exits and have a fire plan.
- Do not light fuel-powered stoves or lanterns inside.
- Drive ATVs and other vehicles slowly within campgrounds.
- Make sure all generators, stoves, and other appliances are in safe and proper working order

Along with these rules, every camp should have:

- A well-stocked first aid kit and someone who has a basic understanding of first aid.
- At least one person trained in CPR too.
- A means to contact the outside world, ev en if that needs to be a satellite phone.
- Fully functioning smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Adequate lighting and ventilation.
- Safe heat sources and clean chimneys
- An appropriate amount of fire extinguishers.
- And a water purifier or clean water source.

The camp should also be in generally good repair so that bunk beds are safe, railings are secure and floorboards, wiring, walls and windows are sound.

Safety in the field

A few safe practices in the field can go a long way towards keeping everyone safe too. They include:

- Don't expect the new hunter to camp to know the area like you do. Take the time to familiarize him or her with stand locations on maps and routes in and out of stands or where you expect them to hunt.
- If getting into a stand location is not obvious, escort the new person there and pick them up the first few times until you are certain they are familiar with the lay of the land.
- Everyone needs to be honest about their physical limitations. If you cannot help hauling out an animal or doing other heavy work, say so. It's better than having a heart attack or other serious injury.
- No one should be allowed to use a tree stand unless it is deemed safe and they use an approved safety harness properly.
- Ensure everyone is aware of what the day's weather will bring.
- Ensure all boats have the required amount of personal floatation devices, lighting, oars or paddles and boater safety kits.
- Do not take to water if conditions are too rough for the available watercraft.
- Always make sure others are aware of your route and destination, each time you leave camp.
- If a hunt plan has been set in place do not deviate from it.
- Have a means to communicate with fellow hunters. Cellphones or two-way radios are best.
- Make sure each hunter knows how to use a map and compass or GPS.
- Ensure everyone wears the required amount of hunter orange.
- Drive your ATVs with the appropriate amount of caution.
- When planning a hunt, designate safe arcs of fire.
- Make sure everyone dresses appropriately for the weather.
- If weather turns dangerous, re-evaluate the day's plan.

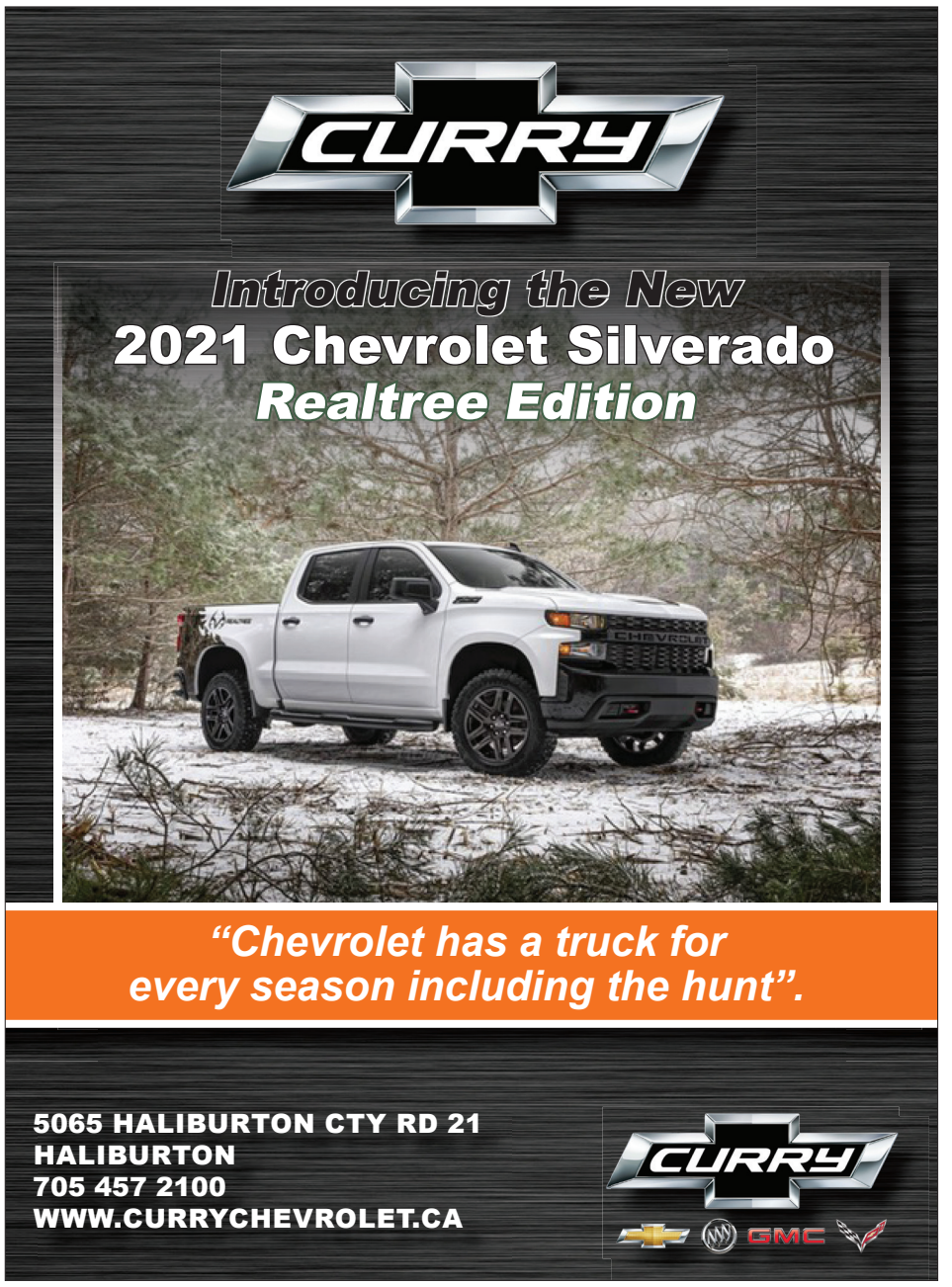
A safe plan

In addition to all this, there are certain pieces of information that should be posted in a place everyone in camp is aware of.

This should include:

- The camp's 911 address, if it has one.
- Detailed directions to camp or a meeting place that you would give to emergency service workers should you need them.
- The location of the nearest medical centre and the most direct route there. One copy of this should be kept in an outbuilding or vehicle too, so you have one should a fire prevent you from accessing it.

It seems like a lot, but it's not. In fact, I'd wager most established camps have these measures (and more) in place already. Regardless, the work required to ensure all these measures remain in place is well worth it. Hunt camps should be a happy and safe place, after all.



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New book shines light on important collection

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County Life Staff

A new book by Minden's Michael Bainbridge is promising to inform readers about a special collection of minerals with cultural and scientific importance to the world, including the man responsible for it, William Pinch.

Bainbridge, who is an established mineral photographer with experience in film and television, spent what amounts to a year of his life working to complete a 10-year odyssey to finish his book, *The Pinch Collection at the Canadian Museum of Nature*.

As much as the book features the collection, it's the man at the centre of it all who drives the narrative.

Pinch lived the "rags to riches" story. He went from sleeping on the couch of a single room apartment with his mother after his father left them to acquiring wealth that would enable him to buy a castle in upstate New York, after establishing financial security and high standing within the mineral world through his enduring passion for minerals.

"Bill was very much the tormented prodigy. It's also the story of the evolution of material sciences like the mineral sciences over the last 80 to 100 years, but also how those advances have informed our advances in culture and society [and] how those parallel advances [were] in technology and culture," Bainbridge said.

The entire Pinch collection of 16,000 specimens was sold to Ottawa's Canadian Museum of Nature for $3.5 million USD in 1989 – more than a quarter of the museum's entire collection is Pinch's. At the time, it was the highest price paid for a private mineral collection. At one time he had 2,000 of the 3,000 most important specimens of minerals, Bainbridge said.

Pinch's story and the story of the collection are intertwined.

"It is as much about the collection as it is about Bill. The two are really inseparable. There is no collection without Bill and Bill is not who he is without the collection," he said. "Ostensibly, the purpose of the book is to highlight the collection, but you can't do that without Bill."

Pinch led an interesting life and some of what he said Bainbridge wasn't allowed to record. However, he was surprised at some stories he was allowed to tell, including dealing in minerals with the government of the Soviet Union in the late-1970s and early 1980s behind the Iron Curtain.

The book features photographs of close to 450 specimens, pared down from some 800. They were chosen for relevance to Pinch and the narrative and design of the book.

Although he sought out input from others for the initial 800, ultimately it was up to Bainbridge to narrow it down.

"It was a matter of going through every single drawer in the museum and looking at what Bill had and saying, 'I want to photograph that and that and not that and that and whatever,'" he said.

He admits it was a challenge of how to start the book.

"It's such a monumental work. The collection itself was such a monumental achievement that it really took me a while to really sort of figure out what the story was. What it was about," he said.

There are obvious aspects of importance for the museum, but the importance of the book for people interested in minerals took a little longer to establish. His focus in the process, he said, was to showcase the minerals and to write with a style that was both accessible for people unfamiliar with minerals and for passionate mineral lovers like him.

Getting to complete this book left an impression on the married father of two girls, who said it was a learning opportunity that he won't forget.

"So I really enjoyed that. That really was one of the through lines of the book as well. This fellow's lifelong dedication to learning. That was evident in the collection that he created and that was certainly sparked in me as I was working with the collection," he said.

The book was actually 10 years in the making, but was delayed by a variety of things such as Pinch's health and two floods in different years that affected Bainbridge's home in Minden. The process to finish the book included regular travel to interview Pinch and others in the U.S., photographing hundreds of specimens and then writing the book.

Bainbridge's passion for minerals started when he was five years old when someone dumped out what appeared to be a pile of rocks at the back of his childhood house on a gravel lane in what was a "hippie commune" of Ottawa's Glebe area. Those rocks included a variety of specimens not local to the area, which he assumed were brought from somewhere else. It first drew the attention of his brother. As a result, their mother was prompted to conduct research on the subject, which resulted in the entire family becoming a member of the Ottawa Valley Mineral Association. That's where Bainbridge met George Robinson, who became his eventual mentor and recently co-authored another book with Bainbridge. Robinson also wrote the foreword for the new book. Bainbridge credits his parents with his curiosity because they always encouraged him to be inquisitive, he said.

Those rocks dumped in the lane behind his house opened his eyes to the treasures of the earth so easily missed hidden underground.

This book, Bainbridge said, is also a credit to others such as his publisher, editor and designer Gloria Staebler. The book was edited by Staebler and Tom Wilson.

He hasn't thought much about the book since its completion in March, since he's been kept busy running TheOccurrence Puzzle Factory with his wife, Brigitte Gall.

"I'm sure once I get it I'll find all kinds of things that I wish I would have done differently ... at this point no regrets. I'm thrilled with it," he said.

Bainbridge hopes to have the *The Pinch Collection at the Canadian Museum of Nature* available to sell before Christmas.

It will be for sale at the Puzzle Factory in Haliburton and at the Canadian Museum of Nature.

What's next for Bainbridge?

"I'm not entirely sure where this goes, but for the book, my hope is it appeals to a broader audience because in many ways the story of the development of science over the last 60 to 80 years," he said. "It's not a technical book. One of the things that are most significant was the scientific value of the collection and the exceptional specimens of extreme rarities that this fellow had collected. So that makes it sound very esoteric, but at the end of the day it is equal parts humanities – story telling and photographic coffee table book. The subjects of the photographs are themselves natural works of art."

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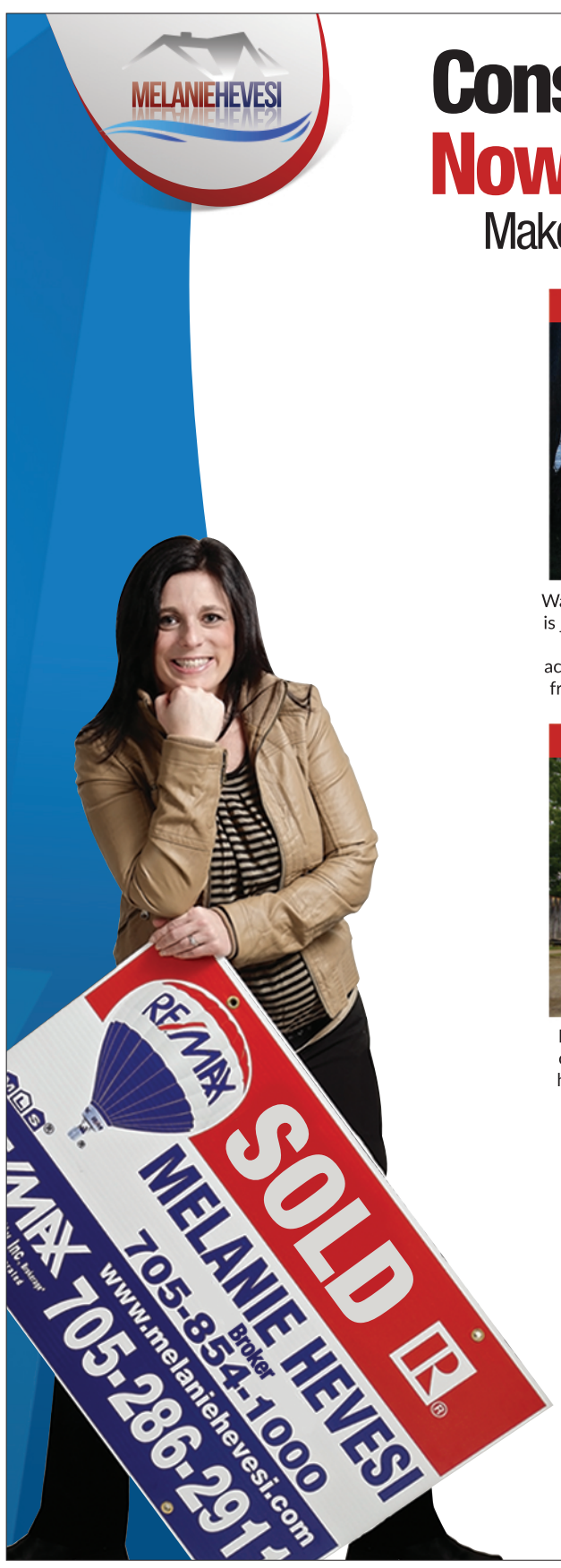

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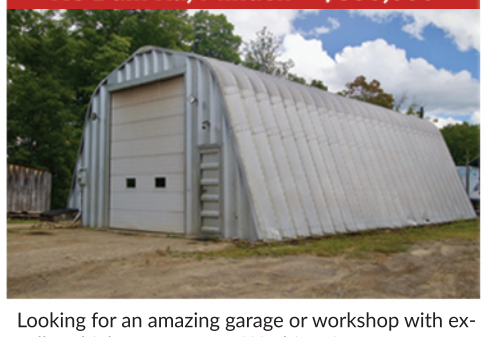

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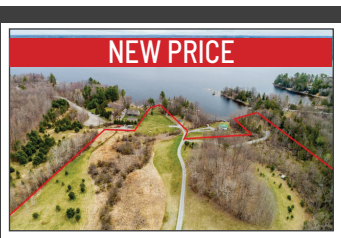

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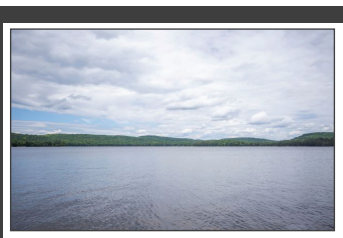

Adele Barry
705-457-0306

Percy Lake $680,000

- 3.9 acre building lot, 555' of waterfront
- Incredible point lot with big lake views
- Private location, driveway installed
- HST INCLUDED!

Drew Bishop**
Kristin Bishop*
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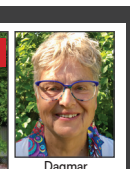
Benoir Lake $334,900

- 1.21 acre building lot on a year-round road
- Located across the road from Algonquin Park
- Benoir Lake features over 28 miles of boating with access to Elephant & Baptiste lake



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Little Hawk Lake $349,000

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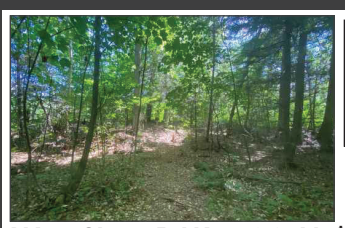

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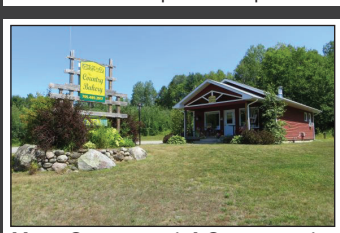

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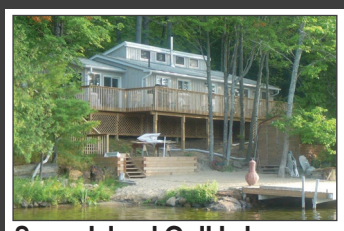
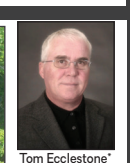
- 868 Sq Ft Bldg, High traffic location
- Between Haliburton & Carnarvon on Hwy 118





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Sugar Island Gull Lake

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- Bonus Bunkie you have to see
- Main land parking, docking w/garage

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Carnarvon Home $399,000

- Log home immaculately kept inside and out
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- Private location near two lake with beautiful gardens & decks

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Haliburton Home $429,000

- Newer 3-bedroom, 2 bath home with good access to town & across from the rail trail
- Nicely finished, open concept living space and fully finished lower level

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Long Lake Lot $199,900

- Vacant lot with 100 feet of shoreline, approx. 1 acre
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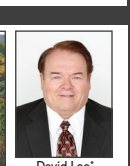

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Trooper Lake $325,000

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- 1-bedroom cottage with loft & Bunkie for guests

Karen Nimigon**
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Industrial Park Road $799,000

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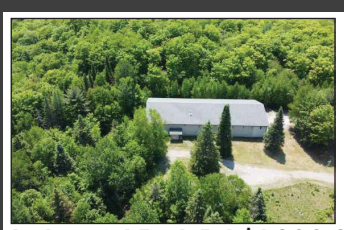
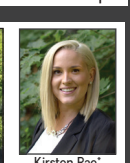
- Private location, fenced & gated
- Ideal for contractors or manufacturing





Kirsten Rae*
286-2138 x 30

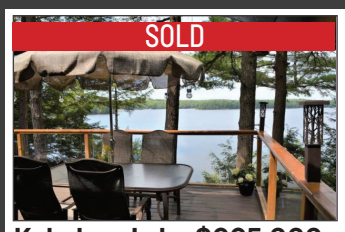
Industrial Park Rd $1,200,000

- 10,000 sq ft of mixed use industrial and commercial space
- Sitting on a private 6.75 acre lot in Haliburton
- Unlimited possibilities with this fantastic building!

Darlene Reil*
447-2055

Wilberforce $224,000

- Rustic get away home/cottage
- With guest cabin & outbuildings
- Very private



Christine Sharp*
705-489-9968

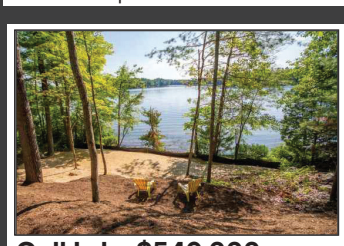
Kabakwa Lake $995,000

- Beautiful western view
- 2000 sq ft, winterized
- High speed internet

Greg Stamp*
457-2128 x 28

County Road 21 $179,000

- Acreage close to Haliburton Village & Pinestone Resort
- Beautifully Treed with driveway already installed.
- Ultimate privacy for residential use!



Melanie Vigrass*
286-2138 x 32

Gull Lake $549,000

- Large private waterfront lot on a premium lakes
- 3.2 Acres, 240' of waterfrontage, level building site
- Hardpacked sand, shallow entry, cleaned and ready to build!

Lindsay Wilkinson*
286-2138 x 23

Denna Lake $420,000

- 3-bedroom, 2 bath. Seasonal cottage
- 275' waterfront, 9.7 acres
- Sunset exposure plus sand beach

Andrea Wilson**
457-2128 x 25

West Lake Building Lot $265,300

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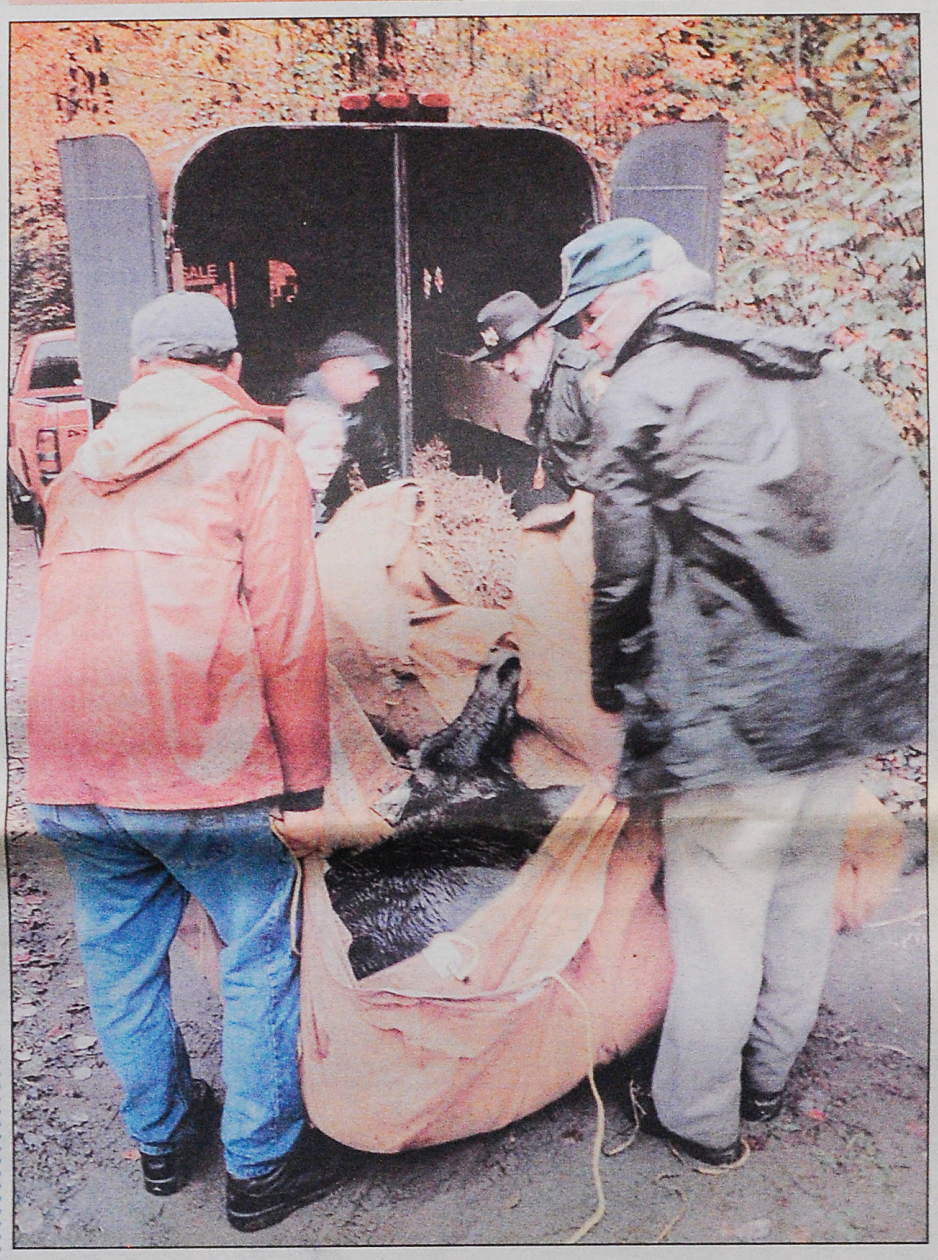

BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY: After being tranquillized, Mortimer the Moose is lifted into a trailer by Ministry of Natural Resources staff who then transported him safely to his new home at Haliburton Forest. The docile beast's health is being monitored. It's believed he has brain worm.

The MNR moves Mortimer to safer home

PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Mortimer the moose has a new home.

The mystifying young male moose who behaves more like a friendly pet than a wild animal was captured Wednesday by the Ministry of Natural Resources and relocated to an enclosure at Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve.

MNR biologists suspect the yearling moose, known largely by his fans as Mortimer, is infected with a brain parasite that's almost always fatal. They plan to monitor his health at his new living quarters and release him, if his condition improves.

"It's going to be a wait and see situation," said the MNR's Dana Kinsman, who co-ordinated Mortimer's move. "... The objective is to rehabilitate him and return him to the wild when it's possible."

Mortimer began capturing the hearts of Highlanders with his peculiar behaviour and friendly nature early in the summer when he showed up at the bottom of Outlet Bay and decided not to leave.

Just a couple of weeks ago he wandered over to nearby Spruce Lake where he continued to impress people with his amiable personality.

Not only did he not shy away from humans, but he actually seemed to seek out their company.

The MNR's Minden office was flooded with phone calls from people who wanted the ministry to do something to protect the moose from being

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Teachers picket to voice disapproval

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The weather didn't make it the best day on which to hold a one-day strike, but local high school teachers say it was still an effective opportunity to get their message across.

"It's been pretty quiet," Laura Willis, the local OSSTF teachers union representative, said Wednesday afternoon as the rain continued to drizzle down on the dozen teachers picketing in front of Haliburton The teachers took turns picketing in three shifts during the day.

"People have been wonderful – lots of honks and waves. There's been lots of support from retired teachers and elementary teachers," she said, surprised, however, that there

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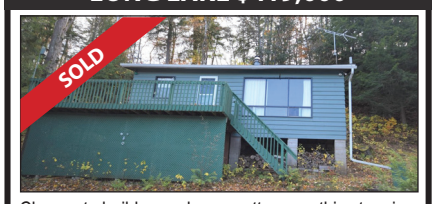
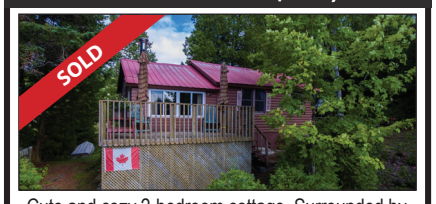
LONG LAKE $419,000



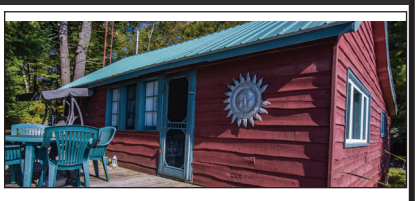
Choose to build your dream cottage on this stunning property overlooking Long Lake or renovate the existing building which includes 2 BR and 1 full bath. Extensive 650' of water frontage. Private seasonal access and beautifully wooded 54+/- acres provides ample privacy.

FORTESCUE LAKE $329,000



Cute and cozy 2-bedroom cottage. Surrounded by 8.97 acres of mature trees providing ample privacy and stunning beaver meadow views, a wildlife delight. Open concept. 4pc bath with clawfoot tub. Southern exposure. Dock at waterfront with a quiet road traveled between. Public boat launch right next door. The spectacular lake views are a must to see.

TAMARACK LAKE $329,000



Cute and cozy 2 bedroom seasonal cottage sits on the water edge. Gorgeous views fronting on Tamarack Lake. Peaceful and quiet location. Traditional cottage features a spacious living room, 2 bedrooms, 2pc bath and bright eat-in kitchen. Enjoy the beautiful south-east views. Level yard. Hard bottom natural shoreline. Don't miss this perfect opportunity to own a cozy piece of paradise.

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$29,900 6.59AC SOLD

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